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SUBJECT: DOWNED KOREAN AIRCRAFT

1. PRESIDENT OF KAL C. H. CHO AND HIS BROTHER, VICE PRESIDENT C.K. CHO,

CALLED ON ME THIS AFTERNOON (APRIL 25) TO EXPRESS DEEP APPRECIATION TO

US GOVERNMENT FOR ASSISTANCE RENDERED KOREAN AIRLINE PASSENGERS AND
CREW. HE PARTICULARLY WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO PRAISE EFFORTS OF
LENINGRAD CONSUL AT MURMANSK ON BEHALF OF CAPTAIN AND NAVIGATOR. HE
SAID HE HAD JUST CALLED ON PRESIDENT PARK WHO LIKEWISE PRAISED ROLE OF

EMBASSY AND ALL ELEMENTS OF US GOVERNMENT.

2. PRESIDENT CHO REPORTED THAT HE REMAINS MYSTIFIED ABOUT REASONS
FOR NAVIGATIONAL ERROR BY KAL AIRLINER. EVEN AFTER TALKING AT LENGTH
TO CO-PILOT. ALTHOUGH CO-PILOT REPORTED ONE OF THE GYROSCOPES WAS
NOT WORKING PROPERLY, AIRCRAFT HAD FULLY ADEQUATE BACKUP ASSISTANCE,
INCLUDING A SECOND GYROSCOPE AND HAD CHECKED IN OVER GREENLAND.

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NAVIGATOR WAS VERY EXPERIENCED AND HAD BEEN ON POLAR FLIGHT FOR OVER
70 FLIGHTS. KAL THEREFORE QUITE PUZZLED AND AWAITS RETURN
OF PILOT AND NAVIGATOR IN EFFORT TO PIECE TOGETHER FULL STORY.
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